

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

## **Siblings Day**

WHEREAS, Siblings Day follows the spirit of Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparent's Day – great American traditions and celebrations of family-unit values; and

WHEREAS, Siblings Day is an uplifting celebration honoring people who have shaped our values, beliefs and ideals; and

WHEREAS, Siblings Day strengthens the family unit by reminding us that a bond with our siblings is forever a special gift; and

WHEREAS, because of the blood relationship, we look alike and enjoy feelings of closeness which may never be surpassed in any other relationship; and

WHEREAS, we must always remember that the strength of families is vital to the strength of our communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, these are lifelong relationships usually lasting from cradle to grave and usually the longest relationships in life; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2013 as Siblings Day in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this \_/0<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State